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NATIONAL POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES OF PRIVATE/ PUBLIC SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to chalk-out a `National Policy regarding the Health and Security of the Employees working in the private and public sectors;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether the rate of accidents in the construction and agriculture sector is quite high;

(d) If so, whether the Government proposes to include the people of these sectors under the said policy; and

(e) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b):The Government has prepared a draft National Policy on safety, health and environment at workplace. This National Policy, inter alia, seeks to achieve reduction in the incidence of work related injuries, fatalities, diseases, etc.

(c):The data regarding accidents in the unorganised construction sector in the country is not maintained at the Central level. However, in the Central sphere 14 accidents took place during the last 3 years in this sector covered under the Building and Other Construction Workers (Regulation of Employment and Condition of Service) Act, 1996. As far as agriculture sector is concerned, no accidents due to power threshers have been reported in the recent past.

(d) & (e):The National Policy, when announced, will cover all sectors of economic activities.